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Liaison Channels [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: a. Memorandum of 14 February 1960 from AD/OCB to DCI, subject as above

b. Memorandum of 23 March 1960 from AD/OCB to DCI, subject as above

25X1X7 1. AD/OCB has been requested to comment on reference a. Briefly, reference a states that AD/OCB, AD/OC and AD/OCB agreed some months ago that no CIA intelligence or information should thereafter be sent to the [REDACTED] without advice to OCB and that no new categories of information should be given [REDACTED] without prior OCB concurrence. The aim of this agreement was stated to be "to prevent impairment of OCB's bargaining power". To reference a is attached a letter of 9 January 1960 from the [REDACTED] presenting the opinion [REDACTED] that "any approach to the Central Intelligence Agency for intelligence should be direct from himself to Admiral Billembaetter and that any material furnished in reply to his requests should come through [REDACTED] (a)." 25X1X7 Further [REDACTED] suggested this arrangement as the basis for all correspondence of a policy or general nature between the two organizations and recommended that this channel be used for formal demands for intelligence. On the working level, however, he supports an extension of the method for exchange of views presently used between 25X1X7 D/OC (CIA) and [REDACTED]

25X1X7 2. The stated purpose of the agreement among the AD/OCB, AD/OC and AD/OCB was "to prevent impairment of OCB's bargaining power". Reference b presents a strong case for the use of such an approach and advances a recommendation to abandon the long-standing practice of passing CIA intelligence directly [REDACTED] in favor of its formal dissemination [REDACTED] In support of this recommendation it must be conceded that retention of the present procedure tends to strengthen the position of [REDACTED] 25X1X7 [REDACTED] with possibly a related disadvantage to the [REDACTED] office.

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3. On the other hand it smacks of tail wagging the dog to stop CIA-level exchange of top intelligence [redacted] in order to enhance the prestige [redacted] of a sub-CIA office. Further, such a change in procedure would constitute an affront [redacted] which is certainly not desirable. And finally, it is believed that the present Washington exchange system:

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a. Gives positive assurance that CIA high-level estimates get to the right persons [redacted]

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b. Permits us to ask in exchange for [redacted] papers which are extremely important to ORE.

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c. Facilitates close working level relations which, again, ORE feels to be highly desirable.

d. Leaves ORE the bargaining lever of intelligence peculiar to its functions and such material as SIG production, which it distributes [redacted]

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4. Impairment of ORE's position [redacted] can, it is felt, be avoided simply by keeping ORE informed [redacted] With this knowledge, ORE can approach [redacted] on the basis that certain information on intelligence has been furnished them at a stated time and place and that in return certain material would be appreciated. ORE has only to advise of non-cooperation and pressure can be exerted at CIA level. However, withholding of finished intelligence in this manner would be a last-resort solution and one under which ORE would stand to lose if [redacted] retaliated.

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5. Therefore, it is recommended that:

a. The long-standing Washington channel be continued for the exchange of high level intelligence and correspondence of a policy or general nature as favored by [redacted]

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b. That ORE be kept informed of intelligence so furnished [redacted]

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c. That ORE use this information freely to stimulate a flow of information and intelligence [redacted]

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d. That the nature of CIB relations [REDACTED] should normally be confined to covert intelligence matters, but that no change be made in present use of CIB channels for the transmittal of materials such as the HIR series.

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e. That CIA cooperate fully [REDACTED] on extension of working level agreements such as that now operating between D/EE [REDACTED]

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